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Attention: Federal Resources Branch, Room 3500  
For Kris Balaji, Federal Programming

Dear Mr. Morales:

SUBJECT: SANDAG 2002/03-2004/05 FTIP/FSTIP Amendment No. 2

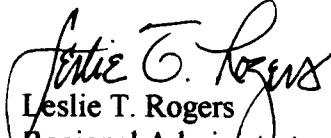
We have completed our review of Amendment No. 2 to the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) 2002/03-2004/05 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) that was submitted by your letter dated December 10, 2002. The SANDAG Board of Directors adopted Resolution No. 2003-15 on November 22, 2002, approving these program modifications and reaffirming the conformity of the transportation improvement program with the applicable State Implementation Plan (SIP) for air quality. As detailed in the enclosures to your letter, this amendment adds two new project listings to the local highway element of the 2002/03-2004/05 SANDAG FTIP.

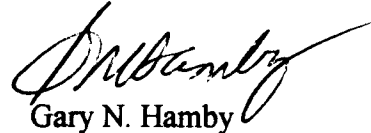
This letter constitutes the joint Federal Highway Administration/Federal Transit Administration air quality conformity determination for the San Diego Association of Government's 2002/03-2004/05 FTIP as modified by Amendment No. 2. This joint FHWA/FTA air quality conformity determination for the amended FTIP is required by Section 93.104 of the Environmental Protection Agency's August 15, 1997, *Transportation Conformity Rule Amendments: Flexibility and Streamlining: Final Rule*, 40 CFR Part 51 and 93 (*Transportation Conformity Rule*) and the FHWA/FTA Metropolitan Planning Rule, 23 CFR Part 450. Based on our review, we find that the SANDAG 2002/03-2004/05 FSTIP, including Amendment No. 2 modifications, conforms to the applicable SIP in accordance with the provisions of 40 CFR Parts 51 and 93 and in accordance with the January 2, 2002, *Revised Guidance for Implementing the March 1999 Circuit Court Decision Affecting Transportation Conformity*, and the Environmental Protection Agency's May 14, 1999, *guidance Conformity Guidance on Implementation of March 2, 1999 Conformity Court Decision*.

We accept these modifications to the 2002/03-2004/05 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP) in accordance with the Federal statewide and metropolitan transportation planning regulations codified in 23 CFR Part 450 and find that subject Amendment was developed through a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation

planning process in accord with the metropolitan transportation planning provisions of 23 USC 134 and the Federal Transit Act (49 USC 53). This letter constitutes the joint Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration approval for inclusion of SANDAG Amendment No. 2 into California's 2002/03-2004/05 FSTIP.

Sincerely,

  
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